

**“When I was woven together in the depths of the earth your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be” (Ps. 139:15-16).**

Ladies and gentlemen, that means more than God wove you and me and saw us in our mother’s womb, which He did. It means He saw us and wove us in that first handful of dirt, “the earth,” He used to make Adam. Don’t ask me to explain that or to relate it to free will. I just rejoice in it.

Look at your birth and say, “That was no process of evolution; no coincidence in time” that brought your parents and their parents to wed; no haphazard happening - that was the will of God. You are the will of God.

Look at your life until now if you are a Christian. It has all, good and bad, worked together for good Romans 8:28 says. God, the Bible says, weaves and fashions our body, soul, spirit, personality in our mother’s body. And when we are born God weaves all of life’s happenings into who we are and weaves our character.

Look at your conversion. The weaving continues until that blessed day of all days when you find yourself at the foot of the cross where you desperately want and immediately find forgiveness for all your sins, the desire and power to live a new life and the hope of heaven. Your coming to that sacred spot, that holy hour, was no accident, no unplanned event. We who have found Christ, found it because God willed it and God worked it out. Jesus said, **“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him...” (Jn. 6:44).** Thank God, my Christian friends, thank God. There are a thousand roads you could have traveled and would have, if God had not directed your footsteps.

## **2. Give Thanks to the Son (1 Th. 5:18; Eph. 5:20).**

Our two texts connect our gratitude to God with Jesus Christ. The Bible speaks of **“always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Eph. 5:20),** and, **“Give thanks in all circumstances. . .in Christ Jesus” (1 Th. 5:18).** When we, whatever the circumstances, whether the burden remains or is lifted, thank God, it is because Jesus is in us and right beside us and is the reason we are grateful.

The great God of this universe came down and stepped into the human race 2000 years ago. He did it to accomplish salvation for you and me. The cruel cross, as payment and punishment for our sins, was demanded by the holiness of His nature, and the cruel cross was